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AND

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TOGETHER WITH

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BAND OF HOPE MANUAL.

HOW TO FORM BANDS OF HOPE.

In answer to the many inquiries we are constantly receiving, we here suggest a plan by which Bands of Hope may be organized—a plan which has been found to work admirably in many places:

If the intention is to form a Band in the Sabbath-School, a notice given from the pulpit and in the Sabbath-School will probably be sufficient to get a meeting to organize.

If the design is to form a Band for the village or town, then invite the children of the neighborhood from the pulpit, and by visiting the Sabbath and Public Schools about you, or otherwise. For a little while there may be some difficulty in getting up your first meeting; but if it is well conducted and made interesting, there will be no difficulty in gathering future assemblies of the little ones. Open the meeting by singing some appropriate hymn; read a portion of Scripture—such, for instance, as the first chapter of Daniel—prayer, and then a few pointed remarks upon the importance of the movement and its object, with a short sketch of its progress and

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position elsewhere; sing another hymn, and then remarks by some discreet friend upon the necessity of children taking hold of Temperance principles in early life—interweaving among his observations a few pleasing stories illustrative of the beautiful influence of children; close by singing; and, if you can possibly arrange it, have at this, your opening meeting, your officers appointed for the ensuing year.

If the Band is formed in the Sabbath-School, the adult officers may be appointed by the church officers or elected by the Sabbath-School teachers. If outside a particular Sabbath-School, then the adult officers should be elected by those adults who contribute toward the support of the Band and become its honorary members.

The juvenile officers may be appointed by the adult officers or elected by the Band, as shall be judged best

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FORM OF CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This society shall be known as the BAND OF HOPE of ——.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be to induce the young to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks—including wine, beer, and cider—as a beverage, tobacco, and profanity—and to advance the cause of Temperance by consistent and appropriate means.

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ARTICLE III.—Officers and their Duties.

Section 1.—The officers shall be divided into two classes—adult and juvenile. The adult officers shall be a Superintendent, three Assistant Superintendents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute a Board of Management.

Sec. 2.—The juvenile officers shall be composed of a President and as many Vice-Presidents as there may be circles or classes in the Band, also an Usher and Assistant Usher, an Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Treasurer, and both sexes shall be equally eligible to these offices.

Sec. 3.—The election or appointment of officers of both classes shall be every three or six months, as each Band may decide. The Superintendent, or, in his absence, one of the Assistant Superintendents, shall conduct the meetings of the Band.

Sec. 4.—The junior members shall be formed into classes, or circles, or companies, under the charge of Vice-Presidents or teachers, for instruction and exercises.

Sec. 5.—The Secretary shall keep a full record of the names and residences of the members of the Band, with the minutes of the Board of Management, and attend to such other duties as may belong to his office.

Sec. 6.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Assistant Treasurer, give him a receipt for the same, pay all bills on the direction of the Board of Management, and present a report every three months.

Sec. 7.—The Assistant Secretary shall keep a correct record of the minutes of the meetings of the Band, receive the names of all new members proposed and

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received, and transfer a list at the close of every month to the Secretary.

The Assistant Treasurer shall receive all initiation fees, dues, etc., and hand the same over to the Treasurer, receiving a receipt therefor. The Ushers shall attend the door, introduce all new members to the Superintendent, and collect at the close of each meeting the singing-books, etc., and return them to the Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.—Membership.

Sec. 1.—The Band shall be composed of youths between the ages of seven and eighteen years, who shall sign the pledge and pay such fee, if any, as may be required by the rules.

Sec. 2.—Children under seven years may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, receive the badge and enjoy the privileges of membership, but shall not be eligible for office until they shall have attained that age.

Sec. 3.—Adult members may be proposed and become honorary members on conforming to the requirements of Section 1 of this Article. An initiation fee, as well as quarterly dues, may be laid upon adult members, that, with donations from friends, where no dues are exacted from the members, will probably be sufficient to meet expenses.

ARTICLE V.—Meetings.

The regular meetings of the Band shall be weekly or bi-weekly, as the society may decide, and every meeting opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

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ARTICLE VI.—Pledge.

Every person on becoming a member shall take the following pledge: "I hereby solemnly pledge myself to abstain from the use of all Intoxicating Drinks, including Wine, Beer, and Cider, as a beverage; from the use of Tobacco in every form, and from all Profanity."

ARTICLE VII.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by the Board of Management at their discretion, if approved by a majority vote of the Band at a regular meeting.

BAND OF HOPE RITUAL.

OPENING.

The Superintendent will call the Band to order by *one* stroke of the bell, and if any officers are absent he will fill the vacancies. This being done, after stating that the objects of the meeting are, to receive instruction, and to encourage and strengthen each other in the principles and practices of true Temperance, he will read some selections of Scripture, as for example: "Lev. x. 8, 9; Jeremiah xxxv. 6; Prov. iv. 14, 15; Prov. xx. 1; Prov. xxiii. 29-35, etc. Daniel, 1st chapter. At *two* strokes of the bell, the Band will rise and unite in singing the following, or some other appropriate hymn:

Be present at our meeting, Lord;
Be here, and everywhere adored;
Our spirits bless, and grant that we
May meet in Paradise with Thee.

Let fervent charity preside,
And all our thoughts and counsels guide;

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May thy good Spirit from above,
Teach us to speak the truth in love.

O may the votaries of sin
The work of penitence begin,
And flee the drunkard's path of woe,
For joys that true abstainers know.

After singing, at *one* stroke of the bell the Band will be seated, and the Superintendent, or, at his request, some other person, will offer prayer. Then comes the following exercise, in which the Superintendent and the members of the Band take part:

Superintendent says: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes?"

The Band responds: "They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

Superintendent.—"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright."

Band.—"At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Superintendent.—Heed not the voice of the tempter, for "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging."

Band.—True wisdom and insured safety is to "Touch not, taste not, handle not" the intoxicating cup.

Superintendent.—"If sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

Band.—"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away."

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Superintendent.—That we may escape the woes and sorrows of the drunkard, and labor to extend the blessings of true Temperance to others, we are met together as a Band of Hope, and have taken its pledge, which we now renew.

(All repeat the pledge.)

I hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of all Intoxicating Liquors, including Wine, Beer, and Cider, as a beverage; from the use of Tobacco in every form, and from all Profanity.

At *one* stroke of the bell the Band will be seated, and the Superintendent announces, that after singing the following or some other hymn, the Band is open for business.

The Happy Time.

Tune—"*There is a Happy Land.*"

There is a happy time, not far away, [day;
When Temperance truth shall shine, bright, bright as
Oh, then, we'll sweetly sing, make the hills and valleys
ring,
Earth shall her tribute bring—it's not far away.

Bright in our happy Band, beams every eye;
Pledged with our heart and hand, love can not die;
On, then, to Temperance run, be both health and virtue
won,
Bright as the noonday sun shines in the sky.

Come, join the Temperance Band, come, come away;
Why will ye doubting stand? why still delay?
Oh, we shall happy be, when we're from Intemperance
free,
Haste! from the danger flee! haste, haste away.

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Haste, then, the happy time, not far away, [day;
When Temperance truth shall shine, bright, bright as
Oh, then, we'll sweetly sing, make the hills and valleys
Earth shall her tribute bring—not far away. [ring,

REV. J. B. DUNN.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

The Superintendent will ask of the Assistant Secretary if there are any new members to be proposed. If any, he will hand the names to the Superintendent. (Every member proposing a new member must give the name, age, and address of the candidate to the Assistant Secretary, at the opening of the meeting.) Candidates will occupy seats at the opposite end of the room.

The Superintendent having read the names, will ask of the Usher if the candidates are present, and willing to become members of —— Band of Hope.

Usher.—They are present, and willing, sir.
Superintendent.—Lead them forward.

The Usher and Assistant Usher arrange them in front of the Superintendent's desk; while this is being done, the Band rises and sings:

Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Our Cause is progressing, new children we bring;
Raise your glad voices o'er mountain and sea,
Our Cause is triumphant, we all will be free.

At *one* stroke of the bell the Band will be seated, and the Superintendent addresses the candidates as follows:

Superintendent.—My young friends: The Band of Hope, to unite with which you are now before us, has for its object the educating of the youth in the principles and practices of true Bible temperance. It is a society

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which seeks to throw around the young of the country the safety-band of "Touch not, taste not, handle not," in relation to intoxicating drinks, and whose members pledge themselves to abstain from the use of these drinks, tobacco in every form, and profanity. We rejoice that in the bright morning of life you have resolved to travel with us in the paths of Temperance, whose ways are ways of pleasantness, and all whose paths are peace.

President.—We welcome you to our society, and receive you as co-workers in this good Cause. Strictly adhere to our pledge. Be firm both against the solicitations of friends and the threats of foes; let no temptation cause you to fall; no persuasion lead you to yield. Thus true to your pledge, a sober, an honorable, and a useful life may be yours. (*To the Band:*)

What fills our land with drunkenness?
Our jails with criminals?
Our asylums with orphans and paupers?
Our cemeteries with unhonored graves?
Our cities with mourners? and
Our homes with misery and want?

Band.—Intemperance.

President.—What exchanges plenty for poverty?
Health for disease?
Joy for sorrow?
Light for darkness?

Band.—Total Abstinence.

President.—What, then, should all do who would shun the accursed cup, be safe, and win the approval of Heaven?

Band.—Take the pledge!

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President.—(*To the Candidates.*) I will now repeat the pledge, and if you will take it with us, after I repeat it, you will say, *This I do.*

PLEDGE.

I hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of Intoxicating Drinks, including Wine, Beer, and Cider, as a beverage; from the use of Tobacco in every form, and from all Profanity.

Superintendent says: I now present to you the badge of the Band of Hope, and welcome you as members of this Band, and as young soldiers in the Temperance army. We trust you will prove true to your pledge, faithful in your attendance upon the meetings, and ever ready to perform whatever work may be given you to do. Never forget that you belong to the Band of Hope. Wherever you are, at home, at school, at play, or at work, try to get recruits for the Temperance Army; and in every way seek to be a credit to the cause, an honor to the Band, useful in the world, and faithful to your God.

Two strokes of the bell, the Band rises and sings:

Welcome to join our Band,
Welcome with us to stand
In this good cause;
Welcome the pledge to take,
Welcome these vows to make,
And for sweet Temperance sake,
To keep her laws.

The Superintendent will then assign them their places in the different circles.

The regular business will then be proceeded with. See the following Order of Business:

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Scriptures.
2. Singing.
3. Prayer.
4. Opening Exercise as in Ritual.
5. Marking the attendance in the several Circles, by the respective Monitors.
6. Reading the Minutes of the previous Meeting.
7. Proposal and Admission of New Members.
8. Recitation of Catechism, and Remarks.
9. Singing by the Band.
10. Reports, and other Business.
11. Addresses by Adults, Recitations, Duets, and other exercises.
12. Reports of Monitors as to attendance, etc.
13. Closing Hymn.

CLOSING.

Superintendent.—The time has come for us to close. Let us, as we part, remember the duties before us, and cheerfully let us seek to discharge them. I trust our meeting will not have been in vain; may its exercises animate us in our work; strengthen us in our principles, and tend to make us more faithful to the Cause that binds us together.

Let us all strive to be punctual at our next meeting, and bring some new recruits with us. The Band will now rise and sing:

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TUNE—*Sicilian Hymn.*

Heavenly Father, give thy blessing,
While we now this service end;
On our minds each truth impressing,
That may to thy glory tend.

Save from all intoxication,
From its fountain may we flee;
When assailed by strong temptation,
Put our trust alone in thee.

Now with love each other greeting,
Lord, we to our homes repair;
Let thy blessing crown our meeting,
In thy favor may we share.

Wisely may we fill our stations,
Spread thy glory while we live
Then in heavenly habitations
Lasting praises may we give.

CLOSING ODE.

TUNE—*Coronation.*

How good and pleasant 'tis for all
In unity to live!
On such the dew of Heaven shall fall,
And holy love shall thrive.

Then let one object fill each heart,
One cause each spirit move;
Thus shall we nobly act our part,
And smiling Heaven approve.

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HOW TO MAKE THE MEETINGS INTERESTING.

In cities and most towns, the time for holding the weekly meeting will be found to work best on Saturday afternoon—there being no school session.

Services ought to begin promptly at the hour appointed. At the meeting, the boys should occupy one side of the hall, the girls the other. The number in a circle or division should not be less than six nor more than twelve.

The strictest order should be maintained during the exercises.

Care should be taken with the lessons in the Catechism: let the explanations be simple, and each lesson well understood before passing to another; the great object is to educate the children.

Steps should be taken to have a copy of the "Youth's Temperance Banner" put into the hands of every member of the Band.

That the exercises may be varied and interesting, the children should be encouraged to learn declamations, recitations, dialogues, and duets; and every month or quarter there should be a public meeting held, and a special invitation given to parents and adults to attend, so that they may see the progress the Band is making, and enlist their sympathies in the children and the Cause.

In the selection of pieces for recitation and declamation, the utmost care should be observed by the managers of the Band, that nothing may be done to

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engender a vain spirit, and tend to create a love of display, and give a taste for theatricals.

We append a specimen of declamation, a recitation, and a dialogue; also, hymns for Opening and Closing, and songs that may be sung during the meeting.

BANDS OF HOPE IN CONNECTION WITH SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

A Dialogue for Two Girls.

Mary.—Well, Eliza, they say you've joined the Band of Hope at our school?

Eliza.—Yes, I have, for I think that they are very useful things, and that it is a very good idea to try to train children to be teetotallers.

M.—Oh! I don't say anything about that, only I don't like it being in connection with Sunday-Schools.

E.—Why, you surprise me; you allow them to be good, and yet find fault with them being introduced into Sunday-Schools. What are your reasons? for I suppose you have some.

M.—Well, I think, with my mother, that Sunday-Schools were never intended to become schools to teach teetotalism, but to teach children to read the Bible, and find their way to heaven.

E.—Just so; such is their present end; but Sabbath-Schools are not now what they were when first established; their principal end then was to teach people to read; but now I think you will agree with me, that

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Sabbath-Schools are, or ought to be, nurseries for the church.

M.—Yes, I do.

E.—Well, then, it becomes the duty of every teacher to warn his or her scholars of the things that will hinder them in their journey through life. Now, would those teachers do their duty who told of lesser hindrances and left the greater ones unheeded?

M.—No, certainly not.

E.—Well, it has been ascertained from good sources, that intoxicating drinks are the means of drawing aside nine out of every ten Sabbath scholars; and it has also been ascertained that nine out of every ten convictions for crime are caused by drink, and that by its means our jails, poor-houses, and penal settlements are filled. Indeed, I remember reading a piece once, one verse of which, in allusion to the nine out of every ten Sunday scholars who are drawn away through drink, says:

"Where are the nine? just ask strong drink;
The answer will be given:
They've followed me, till the last link
Of virtue I have riven.
Deep sunk in wretchedness and crime,
This, this is where you'll find the nine."

M.—Well, Eliza, I never looked at it in this light before. Why, those teachers who neglect this, are, according to what you say, leaving undone a most material part of their duty.

E.—Certainly, they are; but if teachers will show, not only by precept, but by example, that to take intoxicating drinks is hurtful and dangerous, then they aid most

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materially in the extension of the "kingdom of our God," and in lessening the number of those who throng the "downward road."

M.—Just let me ask you one question more: do you know any instance in which Bands of Hope, established in connection with Sabbath-Schools, have been of service to the church?

E.—Yes, I do; in many cases they have been a connecting link between the school and the church. In one school in New York, before the introduction of a Band of Hope, the teachers were very much grieved at seeing their scholars leave the school as soon as they got to be fifteen or sixteen years of age; but since the Band of Hope has been established, the majority of the elder scholars have kept their places in the select classes, or been drafted out as teachers, have joined the church, and are now zealously helping to teach others as they themselves have been taught.

M.—Well, Eliza, I am much obliged to you for your information, and I feel strongly inclined to join you at once, but I would rather speak to father and mother first, and get their consent; I know you would not wish me to act contrary to their will; but I don't think they will oppose me when I tell them what you have told me. Good-evening!

E.—Stop a minute, Mary, I just want to say a word or two before you go; I happen to have my pledge in my pocket; here it is:

"I, Eliza Matthews, do hereby voluntarily pledge myself to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, as a beverage."

Now, if you like to sign, I will call for you as I go to

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our next meeting, and I am sure our secretary will be glad to give you a similar pledge to mine.

M.—I wish you would. Good-evening!

E.—Good-evening!

THE ANTI-LIQUOR LAW DIALOGUE.

For Two Boys.

BY REV. JAMES B. DUNN

Calvin.—Ah! Peter, is that you? I'm glad to meet you this afternoon. I've just seen something that made me feel first-rate. What do you think it was?

Peter.—That's more than I can guess, Calvin. Perhaps you've seen the military company train; or, may-be, the boys have been trying the new fire-engine.

C.—No; better than that; for I don't think much of this soldiering business; and as for the fire-engines, I think the less such boys as we have to do with them the better.

P.—I know you have some peculiar opinions on these subjects, Calvin; and may-be you are right, though I don't think so. But what was the fine affair that tickled your fancy so much?

C.—Why, as I was passing down Third Street, I saw a little crowd around old Swipes' rum-shop. "Ah!" said I to myself, "some mischief going on here, as usual, I suppose;" with this thought I crossed over to the opposite side of the street, for I don't like getting too near to

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a rum-shop row. But I soon saw that this time the fuss was one of the right sort.

P.—A right sort of fuss, eh? What could it be, Calvin?

C.—Oh! it was capital; for there was Mr. Grab, the constable, with some more of the court folks, turning old Swipes' rum-jugs into the street. "Ah!" said I to myself, "that's fine." So I crossed over, and saw them put all the old fellow's strong stuff into Racer's express wagon.

P.—Well, what of that? Has old Swipes failed?

C.—No, better than that. Somebody has charged him with breaking the anti-liquor law. So they have carried his poisons off to the constable's. He will have a hearing to-morrow before Judge Smith. If they find him guilty, as I think they will, his filthy rum-jugs will be emptied into the dock, and I mean to be there to see it done, if I can.

P.—And that's the mighty fine sight you were so tickled with, eh? I'm ashamed of you, Calvin. I think it's small potatoes to break up a man's business in that fashion; it's downright robbery. If I'd been Mr. Swipes, I'd given them a piece of my mind.

C.—Why, Peter! an't you in favor of the Maine law?

P.—I hope not; it's a piece of miserable oppression and we ought to put it where our great-grandfathers put Johnny Bull's tea.

C.—Stop, Peter; I'm afraid you are too fast on the wrong side. If we could convert Boston harbor into a huge rum-bottle, into which we could pour all the alcohol in New England, I should be glad; though, by the way, I guess the fishes would get up a protest against

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being poisoned at that rate. But why are you so bitter against the Maine law?

P.—Why, you see, it interferes with our liberty. It tells us what we shall and what we shall not drink. It takes away from us a right for which our fathers bled, and——

C.—Stop, stop, Peter! do you mean to say that our fathers bled to secure us the right to get drunk, and thus to make fools of ourselves?

P.—Why, yes—no—yes—no—I—I——

C.—You're in shoal water, Peter; you know that it was to procure us liberty to act up to our views of duty, and to enjoy a national freedom, that our noble ancestors spilled their patriotic blood. They never dreamed that true freedom implied the right of one man to bloat, and fatten, and grow rich on the ruin of others, as old Swipes and all other rum-sellers do.

P.—Well, I don't mean that; but haven't I a right to drink what I please?

C.—Certainly.

P.—But this Maine law says I shan't drink rum or brandy. Do you call that freedom?

C.—The law says no such thing, Peter. It only says you shall *not sell it* as a *common drink*.

P.—Well, an't that the same thing? If rum or wine can't be sold, it can't be bought; and if it can't be bought, how can a freeman exercise his right to drink what he pleases? Answer me that, Master Calvin?

C.—That's a question you must settle for yourself, Peter. The law says nothing about it; you may drink what you will, if you can get it. But the law, regarding intoxicating drinks as poison, destructive alike to

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public health, happiness, and life, says they shall not be sold except for medical and mechanical uses. It treats them as it does mad dogs or savage beasts. Do you think our freedom is restricted by the law which would punish a man who should dare to keep such a public nuisance as a mad dog?

P.—That's another case; mad dogs kill people.

C.—So do intoxicating drinks. There was Tom Buntline, didn't he die drunk? Could a mad dog have done anything worse for him than old Swipes' rum did when it killed him?

P.—Ah! I see it's no use to talk with you; you're what old Swipes call a Temperance fanatic. I guess I'll be off.

C.—Here, stop! stop, Peter! It's no use; he's off. He can't argue the case a bit; perhaps it is easier to cry fanatic than it is to reason. [*Exit.*]

HAIL! BANDS OF HOPE.

RECITATION.

We hail thy advent, Band of Hope,
In this our Temperance cause;
We'll train our youth to leave strong drink,
And keep good, sober laws.

Our land has mourned through drunkenness,
For many, many years;
And we ourselves have oft been grieved
To view the orphan's tears.

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We've seen the raging maniac,
The awful suicide;
We've seen the poor heart-broken one
Plunge deep beneath the tide.

But if we had to write the list
Of miseries caused by drink,
'Twould use whole tons of paper up,
And hogsheads, too, of ink.

But we'll pass o'er the gloomy side
Of misery and sin,
And hope that, with thy cheering dawn,
The bright days will begin.

The old abstainers did their work,
Like faithful men and true,
When they exposed the drinking plan,
Its evils brought to view.

But now they've done a nobler work,
In starting Bands of Hope;
And we, among the youthful ones,
Will give it wider scope.

We'll get the young, we'll get the old,
To wage this noble fight;
And we will also seek the help
Of Him who aids the right.

Come, then, and help us, one and all,
To make our army strong;
And we will prove to drinking men
That they are in the wrong.

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We'll slay that giant called strong drink,
And shut up every den
Where they dispense that cursed stuff
To weak and erring men.

So then, we say again, all hail
To thee, our Band of Hope!
And mayst thou needful strength receive,
Against the foe to cope.

THE HOPE OF OUR COUNTRY.

FOR DECLAMATION.

The hope of our country, the hope of the land,
True Bands of Hope united we stand;
Boldly our pledge of freedom proclaim,
This is our watchword and motto—"Abstain!"

Mothers have sunk broken-hearted with care,
Fathers have fallen by the tempter's snare;
Now nobly joining the right to maintain,
This is our watchword and motto—"Abstain!"

Children have felt our foe's dreadful power,
Children have seen drink's dark clouds lower,
We will not touch, but sober remain,
Our watchword and motto—"Abstain! Abstain!"

Brothers and sisters, shout for the right!
Brothers and sisters, join us to-night!
Help, heart and hand, our hope to sustain,
Our watchword and motto—"Abstain! Abstain!"

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WE'LL STAND BY WATER PURE.

BY REV. JAMES B. DUNN.

AIR—*Yankee Doodle.*

Come, let us stand by water pure;
Come, shun both beer and brandy;
And if we're true, we'll free our land
From all their curses one day.
Then old and young, come join the song,
Come, link both heart and hand too,
For Temperance must win the day
And rule our Yankee land through.

The cheerless home will then grow gay,
The cold ones will grow warm, too;
And poverty will slink away,
With all his ugly swarm, too.
CHORUS—Then old and young, etc.

The little hearts will dance with glee,
The old ones smile with mirth, then,
And love will cast her summer looks
Around the humblest hearth, then.
CHORUS—Then old and young, etc.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE.

BY REV. JAMES B. DUNN.

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Gracious God, to thee belong
Songs of praises evermore:
Wilt thou hear our grateful song,
While thy goodness we adore?

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Thou hast kindly deigned to bless
Every effort we have made;
Crowned our labors with success,
And the course of evil stay'd.

Fervent praise we give to thee,
Thou, our counselor and friend;
Wilt thou still our guardian be?
Still thine aid and blessing lend?

Ordered by thy sovereign will,
Guided by thy mighty hand,
May the cause of Temperance still
Spread triumphant through our land

THE TEMPERANCE ARMY.

BY C. L. Q.

TUNE—*The Sunday-School Army.*

We've joined this noble army,
And we are bound to fight!
With our banners proudly waving
For Temperance and right.
CHORUS—For we're glad we're in this army
And we'll battle for the Cause.

What though we're small in numbers,
And smaller still in years?
We will never be disheartened,
Or yield to foolish fears.
CHORUS.

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Then let us shout for freedom
From every slavish sin,
And forever let us banish,
Rum, cider, beer, and gin.
CHORUS.

THE STAR OF TEMPERANCE.

BY REV. JAMES B. DUNN.

TUNE—*Sunday School.*—Page 39, CHIMES.

The Star of Temperance morning, hail!
Thrice welcome to our sight;
Shine, brightly shine, nor canst thou fail
To cheer us with thy light.
CHORUS.
Bright Temperance Star, bright Temperance Star,
Guide thou our youthful band,
To banish every form of sin,
That now pollutes our land.

Shine on, thou star of promise, speak
Of brighter hours at hand;
When truth shall o'er all barriers break,
And virtue fill the land.
CHORUS.

Shine on the young, ere they begin
To tread the dang'rous way;
Nor cease till thou hast usher'd in
The bright millennial day!
CHORUS.

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NEVER DRINK AGAIN.

BY REV. JAMES B. DUNN.

Come, children dear, let's all unite
In one harmonious band,
To shed abroad the Temperance light
O'er our beloved land.

CHORUS—Then boldly let us march along,
And shout aloud our joyous song;
While life and health shall still remain,
We'll never, never drink again.

GIRLS—What! never drink again?
BOYS—No! never drink again,
GIRLS—What! never drink again?
BOYS—No! never drink again.
ALL—While life and health shall still remain,
We'll never, never drink again.

What though our parents bid us sup
Their cider, wine, and beer;
We will not drink or touch the cup,
Nor yield to foolish fear.

CHORUS.

We'll drink the cup of water pure,
We'll breathe the air of love;
And may our steps on earth be sure
To fairer worlds above.

CHORUS.

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FATHER, GUIDE US.

TUNE—*Vesper Hymn.*

Lord, while saints and angels fear thee,
Wilt thou hear our feeble prayer?
Once on earth e'en babes came near thee,
Let us now thy mercy share.
Each a pilgrim and a stranger,
Keep us, Lord, from evil ways,
Lead us through this world of danger,
Guide us in our early days;
Father, guide us—Father, guide us
In our early youthful days.

Fallen is our favored nation,
Sunk in sorrow and in shame;
Speed the Temp'rance reformation,
Ev'ry drunkard now reclaim.
Each a pilgrim, etc.

GOD'S GOOD GIFTS PERVERTED.

BY L. M. SARGENT.

"O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil. Every inordinate cup is unblessed, and the ingredient is a devil."—*Shakspeare.*

God gave the gift to man;
But man, with fatal skill,
Insensate, formed the plan
To change the good for ill;
The poison, tortured from the cane,
Like Samson, hath its thousands slain.

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God gave the golden grain
To hungry man for food;
But, querulous and vain,
He spurned the proffered good;
And Egypt's slothful sons, athirst,
Drew forth the drowsy beverage first.

God gave the clustering vine;
Ingenious man, perverse,
Exchanged the boon for wine,
And wrought Canaan's curse.
The patriarch, who had safely past
The deluge, was o'erwhelmed at last.

The madness came by wine,
That wrought Belshazzar's fall,
And caused the hand divine
To write upon the wall,—
Scoffer! thy royal race is run!
Thy work of wickedness is done!

To earth, the cup be hurled,
That holds an adder's sting;
And let us pledge the world,
With nectar from the spring,
That hence, like Rechab's ancient line,
Though prophets urge, we drink no wine.

PAUL DENTON'S PERORATION ON WATER.

This is the liquor which God the Eternal brews for His children—not in the simmering still, over smoky fires, choked with poisonous gases, and surrounded

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with a stench of sickening odors and rank corruptions, doth your heavenly Father in heaven prepare the precious essence of life—the pure water; but in the green glade and grassy dell, where the red deer wanders and the child loves to play, there God brews it; and down, low down in the deepest valleys, where the fountains murmur and the rills sing; and high upon the mountain tops, where the naked granite glitters like gold in the sun, where the storm-cloud broods, and the thunder storms crash; and away far out in the wide wild sea, where the hurricane howls music and the big waves roar the chorus, sweeping the march of God—there He brews it—this beverage of life—*this health-giving water*. And everywhere it is a thing of beauty, gleaming in the dewdrop, singing in the summer rain, shining in the ice gem till the trees all seem turned to living jewels, spreading a golden vail over the setting sun, or a white gauze around the midnight moon, sporting in the cataract, sleeping in the glacier, dancing in the hail shower, folding its bright snow curtains softly about the wintry world, and weaving the many-colored iris—that seraph's zone of the sky, whose warp is the raindrop of earth, whose woof is the sunbeam of Heaven—all checkered over with the celestial flowers by the mystic hand of refraction. Still always it is beautiful, this blessed life-water. *No poison* bubbles on its brink; its foam brings *no madness and murder; no blood* stains its liquid glass; pale widows and starving orphans weep *no burning tears* in its depths; no drunkard's shrieking ghost from the grave curses it in words of eternal despair. Speak out, my friends, would you exchange it for the *demon's drink*—ALCOHOL?

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VICTORY OUR REWARD.

BY J. N. STEARNS.

TUNE—"*Cry from Macedonia.*"

There's a shout along the Temp'rance ranks, hurrah! boys;
The light of the coming day appears.
We shall triumph by-and-by, for God is with us;
His light is our sun and shield;
Come, with us and join the army of the faithful,
Come sign our pledge and keep our laws;
There is work enough for all who choose to labor,
And fight for the good old Cause.

CHORUS—We are gathering from the East,
We are gathering from the West,
And we'll shout and swell the song,
For King Alcohol shall die,
When we triumph by-and-by,
In the good time coming right along.

We will shun the cup that biteth like a serpent,
That reddens the eyes of those who drink;
We will circulate the truth among our neighbors
Where labor—our duty—calls.
Come and join the noble army of cold water,
And fill up the ranks to-day; oh, come!
For a triumph soon is nigh for all the faithful—
Our watchword is victory.

CHORUS—We are gathering, etc.

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